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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK (312 W. 101 ST. 10025) OF THE BULGARIAN EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND DR. KALIN KOICHEFF, CHAIRMAN, CHURCH COMMITTEE, BULGARIAN EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH "ST. ANDREY", NEW YORK, VISITED JIM GLENN MAY 2.

2. THEY INFORMED GLENN THAT THEY WILL VISIT SOFIA FOR THREE WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 8 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY 11 CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE BULGARIAN PATRIARCHATE AND TO VISIT BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OFFICIALS. THEY PLAN TO CONTACT EMBASSY SOFIA TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF. METROPOLITAN JOSEPH MET WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR HERZ
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TWO YEARS AGO.

3. THEY ALSO ASKED EUR/EE'S OPINION ON DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN PATRIARCH MAXSIM'S VISIT NEXT SEPTEMBER. GLENN INFORMED THEM THAT, DUE TO SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IN U.S. AND PRECEDENT, DEPARTMENT PREFERRED NOT TO PARTICIPATE OFFICIALLY IN VISIT BUT

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WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH MAXSIM.

4. THEY PROMISED TO REPORT BACK TO EUR/EE ON RETURN
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